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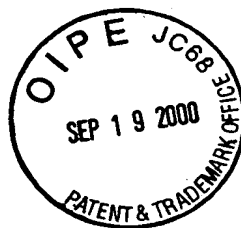
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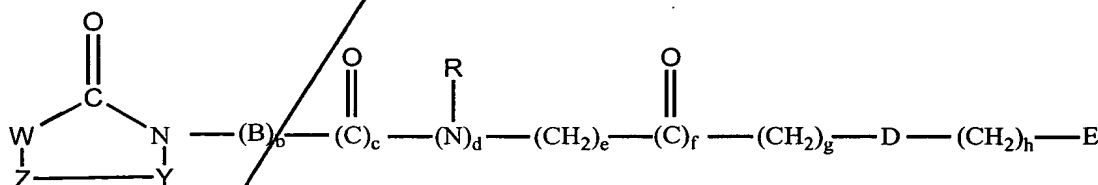
Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 19, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

21. (Amended) A method for suppressing inflammation comprising administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of a preparation comprising an effective amount of at least one compound of the formula I:



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